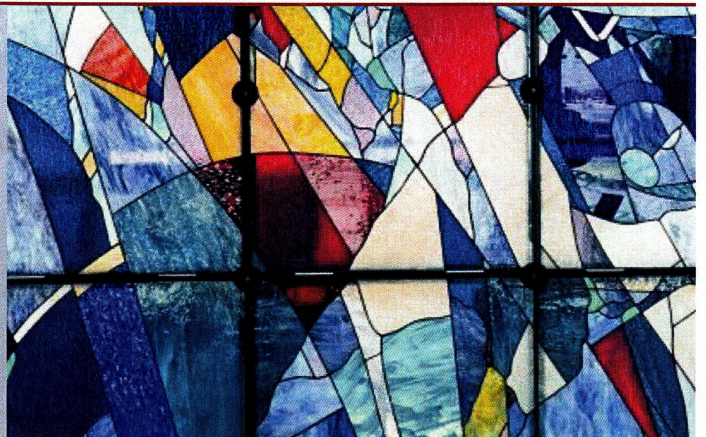
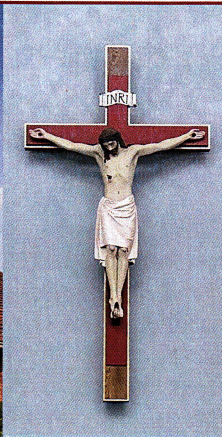


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MASS: Sun. 1030a | Domingo Misa español 1230p
Tue 6P | Wed 830A | Thur 830A | Fri. 830A
CONFESSION: Tue 5p - 545p | **Sat. 330p - 5p**

Important Dates

13OCT: Chocolate Fest tickets on sale after Mass!
14OCT: Confession | Confesión @ 5P CANCELLED
14OCT: Mass | Misa @ 6P CANCELLED
15OCT: 16, 17 & 18 Masses @ 830A CANCELLED
19OCT: Confession | Confesión 330p - 5p
19OCT: STM Chocolate & Wine Festival! 3P to 6P

Sunday Readings

*Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
XXVIII Domingo ordinario*

1st Reading Wisdom 7:7-11

Psalms 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Sáclanos, Señor, de tu misericordia.

2nd Reading Hebrews 4:12-13

Gospel Mark 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

How to Overcome Our Fear of Unworthiness
I want to put you on guard right now against the danger of

Meditation of the Day continues on next page

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 13TH

Sunday; Oct. 13 For the Intentions of Mary Ann Durant on her birthday 1030A English
Domingo; Oct. 13 Tony Villador † 1230P español

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Michael Krzanich
Cathy Larsen
Linda Stultz
Angela Babcock
Sharon Calhoun
Nancy Cornett
Pat Mortensen
Ben Richards
Patrick Wallenan

Mary Braddick
Carrie Sue Sonsteng
Sam Kempner
Tylor Koski
Denise Hughes
Kimberly Helgeson Avoy
Denis Helgeson

Jim McManus
Rod Montgomery
David Porter
Barbara Maldonado
Lora Ginn
Senona Gonzalez
Samia Zumout
Karen Reynolds

OCTOBER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS

For a shared mission

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

INTENCIONES DE OCTUBRE DEL PAPA FRANCISCO

Por una misión compartida

Oremos para que la Iglesia siga sosteniendo en todos los sentidos un estilo de vida sinodal, como signo de corresponsabilidad, promoviendo la participación, la comunión y la misión compartida entre sacerdotes, religiosos y laicos.

Fr. Chuck will be at Priest Study Days this week so daily Mass is cancelled!

This Week's Readings

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Monday; October 14th

1st Reading: Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1

Psalms 113:1B-2, 3-4, 5A & 6-7

The Lord will remember his covenant for ever.

Gospel: Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday; October 15th

Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

1st Reading: Galatians 5:1-6

Psalms 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48

Let your mercy come to me, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday; October 16th

1st Reading: Galatians 5:18-25

Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6

Those who follow you, Lord, will have the light of life.

Gospel: Luke 11:42-46

Thursday; October 17th

Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

1st Reading: Ephesians 1:1-10

Psalms 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4, 5-6

The Lord has made known his salvation.

Gospel: Luke 11:47-54

Friday; October 18th

Feast of Saint Luke, evangelist

1st Reading: 2 Timothy 4:10-17b

Psalms 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18

Your friends make known, O Lord, the glorious splendor of your Kingdom.

Gospel: Luke 10:1-9

Saturday; October 19th

Memorial of Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

1st Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

Psalms 8:2-3AB, 4-5, 6-7

You have given your Son rule over the works of your hands.

Gospel: Luke 12:8-12

Meditation of the Day continued from front page.

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

How to Overcome Our Fear of Unworthiness

sensible love. How often I have heard the objection, "I tell Jesus that I love him, but I don't feel it. It seems to me that I'm not being sincere." **Not to doubt that you love him** when you feel cold and arid demands great faith, the forgetting of yourself, and a true understanding of sanctity. The greatest saints passed through the dark night of the soul, painful periods of dryness. Yet in those hours of purification, they loved. Love is not sensible piety. Never forget this distinction.

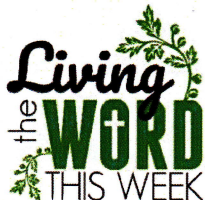
Holiness is a disposition of the soul, of the heart, and, above all, of the will, toward God; the senses may play a role, but that is not necessary. Little Thérèse writes that dryness was her daily bread, but that she was nevertheless the happiest of creatures. She defined sanctity as "a disposition of the heart which makes us humble and small in the arms of God, conscious of our weakness, and confident to the point of audacity in the goodness of our Father."

Love is the uniting of our will to the will of God. It is abandoning ourselves totally into his hands, as a habitual disposition, even if we feel nothing. When Jesus sees this disposition in our hearts, he looks on us as his cherished children. Is not a father very indulgent toward his child? He finds excuses for his child's failings, and he admires the least of his good qualities. Jesus is like this with those who are his children, because they sincerely want to be such.

However persistently he repeats to us in the Gospel, Fear not; it is I, the fear is still there: "If I go to him, what will he ask of me? What will he require of me? I am afraid; I wouldn't want to hurt him, to wound him. As for completely giving myself to him, that is risking too much." But it is just this fear that wounds him. Saint Teresa of Avila observes that the Samaritan, the Canaanite woman, and Mary Magdalene were not dead to the world when they found Jesus. Saint Francis de Sales said, "We must begin with love, continue with love, and end with love." When a religious sister had told him, "I wish to acquire love through humility," he replied, "And I wish to acquire humility through love." — FATHER JEAN DU CŒUR DE JÉSUS D'ELBÉE

Father d'Elbée († 1982) was a French priest and spiritual author and a member of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. / From *I Believe in Love: Retreat Conferences on the Interior Life*, Marilyn Teichert with Madeleine Stebbins, trs. © 1974, Marilyn Teichert & Madeleine Stebbins. Published by Sophia Institute Press, Manchester, NH
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HOMILY NOTES



¡Bienvenidos a octubre! Este mes está dedicado al Santo Rosario. Según el dominico del siglo XV, Alan de la Roch, María se apareció a Santo Domingo en 1206 después de que él había estado orando y haciendo severas penitencias debido a su falta de éxito en la lucha contra la herejía albigense. María lo elogió por su valiente lucha contra los herejes y luego le dio el Rosario como un arma poderosa, explicándole sus usos y eficacia, y le dijo que lo predicara a otros. Si consideramos el poder del Rosario visto en sus efectos, encontramos gran abundancia de pruebas de su maravilloso valor.

El poder del Rosario para dar forma a los acontecimientos mundiales

A lo largo de la historia, hemos visto muchos grandes triunfos del Rosario:

- La tradición temprana atribuye al Rosario la derrota de los albigenses en la batalla de Muret en 1213.
- La victoria cristiana en la batalla de Lepanto el 7 de octubre de 1571 se atribuyó a masas de europeos y 80.000 soldados que rezaban el Rosario. Esta batalla naval entre una flota de la Santa Liga (una coalición de estados católicos organizada por el Papa Pío V) y el Imperio Otomano en el Golfo de Patras, infligió una gran derrota a los turcos.
- Otra gran victoria sobre los turcos, que una vez, como los rusos, amenazaron con la ruina de la civilización cristiana, se produjo el 5 de agosto de 1716, cuando el príncipe Eugenio los derrotó en Peterwardein, Hungría. Entonces Clemente XI extendió la fiesta del Rosario a toda la Iglesia.
- Durante la Primera Guerra Mundial, el gobierno de los Estados Unidos encargó un Rosario especial disponible para los soldados católicos que lo solicitaran.
- Durante la Segunda Guerra Mundial, ocho misioneros alemanes, que rezaban el Rosario diariamente en Hiroshima, Japón, salieron ilesos después de que la bomba atómica destruyera todo a su alrededor el 6 de agosto de 1945.
- Después de la Segunda Guerra Mundial, los austriacos atribuyeron los rosarios diarios a defenderse con éxito de la toma de poder comunista después de la guerra.

En estos ejemplos, la intercesión de Nuestra Señora tuvo un impacto masivo en las vidas de innumerables personas y en la historia del mundo. Como puede ver, realmente no hay límite para el poder de nuestras oraciones marianas de intervención. Grande o pequeño, el corazón de Nuestra Señora está abierto a todas y cada una de nuestras oraciones por el bien de este mundo. La respuesta a esas oraciones depende de su sabiduría y de la voluntad de nuestro Padre.

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Welcome to October ! This month is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. According to the 15th century Dominican, Alan de la Roch, Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying & doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the

heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon – explaining its uses and efficacy– and told him to preach it to others. If we consider the power of the Rosary as seen in its effects, we find a great abundance of proofs of its wonderful value.

The Power of the Rosary to Shape World Events

Throughout history, we've seen many great triumphs of the Rosary:

- Early tradition attributes the defeat of the Albigensians at the Battle of Muret in 1213 to the Rosary.
- The Christian victory at the Battle of Lepanto on Oct. 7, 1571, was attributed to masses of Europeans & 80-thousand warriors praying the Rosary. This naval battle between a fleet of the Holy League (a coalition of Catholic states arranged by Pope Pius V) and the Ottoman Empire, in the Gulf of Patras, inflicted a major defeat on the Turks.
- Another great victory over the Turks, who once, like the Russians, threatened the ruin of Christian civilization, occurred on August 5, 1716, when Prince Eugene defeated them at Peterwardein in Hungary. Afterward, Clement XI extended the feast of the Rosary to the whole Church.
- During World War I the U.S. Gov't commissioned a special Rosary available to Catholic soldiers upon request.
- During WWII eight German missionaries, who prayed the Rosary daily in Hiroshima, Japan, walked away unscathed after the atomic bomb destroyed everything around them on Aug. 6, 1945.
- Following WWII, Austrian's attributed daily rosaries to successfully fending off communist takeover after the war.

In these examples, Our Lady's intercession had massive impact on the lives of countless people and the history of the world. As you can see, there is truly no limit to the power of our Marian prayers for intervention. Big or small, Our Lady's heart is open to any and all of our prayers for the good in this world. How those prayers will be answered is up to her wisdom and our Father's will.

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Prayer Source: n/a

PARISH UPDATES

STM Key Dates | Fechas Claves de STM

- ☑ **Tuesday, Oct. 15 | martes 15 de octubre**
*Confession | Confesión 5p-545P **Cancelled!***
- ☑ **All Weekday Masses are cancelled this week**
- ☑ **Saturday, Oct. 19 | sábado 19 de octubre**
Confession | Confesión 330p to 5p
Fr. Chuck will return from his priestly studies to bear confessions at STM

Sunday; October 20 at 10A

**The Rosary with Knights of Columbus
30 minutes before Mass**

**Also, we'll celebrate World Mission Sunday
We'll have a 2nd Collection. Please plan to be generous.**



SAVE THE DATE! **World Mission Sunday** **October 20, 2024**

Next Sunday we will celebrate World Mission Sunday here at St. Thomas More. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities.

Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous to our second collection next week for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Make your check payable to STM. Or donate online at <https://www.scd.org/wms>



SAVE THE DATE!

Next Saturday! | Oct. 19 | 3p to 6p
The Women of St. Thomas More present the
**5th Annual Taste of Heaven on Earth:
Chocolate & Wine Tasting!**
This is a great event which sold out last year.
Lots of delicious food +fun, prizes & music.

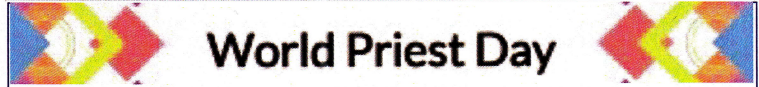
Installation of Father Chuck Kelly

Sunday; November 3 at 1030A Mass

His Excellency Bishop Jaime Soto will concelebrate Mass with, and formally install Fr. Chuck as Priest of St. Thomas More. There will be one combined Spanish & English Mass. A Reception will follow. (Plz note: No Crown Rosary before Mass on Nov. 3)

Donations to St. Thomas More Parish For the 3rd Quarter Ending Sept. 30, 2024

JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
\$9,447.00	\$11,849.00	\$12,724.00



is Coming Sunday, October 27!

St. Thomas More will join in this celebration and affirmation of the men who commit their lives to the Lord and the Church via the Sacrament of Holy Orders by celebrating our own Fr. Chuck!

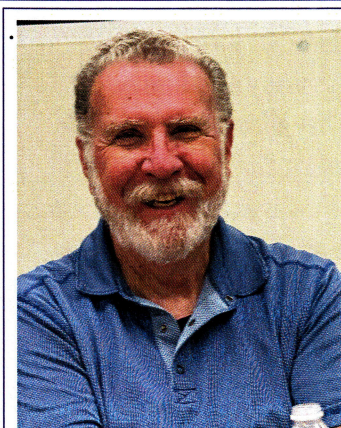
In recognition of World Priest Day, here are six ways to celebrate Fr. Chuck and all priests:

1. Pray the World Priest Day Prayer (see below) daily thru Oct. 27.
2. Invite your priest to your home for a good home-cooked meal.
3. Send your priest a handwritten note sharing how much his ministry means to you.
4. Pray a novena or pray for 24 hrs for all priests & their priesthood.
5. Give a gift card such as a gas card to aid in their travel during their ministry.
6. Plan to attend the official installation of Fr. Chuck as priest of STM Sunday, Nov. 3 at 1030A. (A reception will follow.)

World Priest Day Prayer 2024

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.

Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.



ATTENTION ALL MEN!

All men of the church are invited to join Deacon Tom for a special STM Men's Ministry Meeting next week

**School
Sunday | Oct. 20 | Multipurpose
Room**